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now or what the tax evaluation is. I strongly suspect that it is nothing equal to the price that they are asking for it and expecting the entity of government to pay. They could buy....we have two issues here. Senator Syas has brought up a totally separate issue where the state should pay for it whether it should be paid for by local money. Support my Douglas County colleagues and help them pay for the site. If they would just select a reasonable site and I want to make that clear for the record. So the one they have selected is not reasonable and the people have had little or no input in this site selection.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would think that when the vote comes that the Lincoln Senators would probably vote gree on this issue. We probably were told as soundly as any group by our local area board that they wanted 344 and we do not agree, we do not think that it is a good bill, so were not going to support it but we think that if they want this wonderful local control and they want to force the mil levy on the people of Lincoln then we are willing to do the same with their capitol construction. So with that were willing to see section 8 come out of this bill and would really assume that Omaha would if they are voting for the bill would want to take section seven out and the people in Omaha would then in the metropolitan area could pay for that. I would say that the metropolitan area was my bill a year ago and we didn't force it down the throats of the people in Washington County or any other county. We had a public hearing and they didn't oppose it and I never got a letter from them opposing it. They said a lot of things on this floor but not the people up there a that were really interested in the area. I think they went from a bad area to a good area and we can get something going but not at the state expense if were going to run 344 through.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Bob Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, this is in answer to Senator Syas about that tremendous gift that we got out there. I just voted in our budget committee to give \$365,000 to Omaha to take Ft. Omaha. That is the type of thing that we got, I understand that Ft. Omaha is big enough to take care of all of the metro deal. I don't know where it is or have any idea. I certainly supported it in there.

SPEAKER: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: It is true that we inherited Junior Colleges and we inherited Community Vocational Schools around the state. We inherited military facilities of one sort or another. I think that the passage of LB344 is a definite mistake. There are vocational needs to be met and in specific areas in Lincoln and Omaha. Its not asking too much it seems to me to give a head start, a jump start to these two communities to help them meet the vocational needs. They have been given advantages out-state. The request is reasonable. I urge you to reject the Warner amendment.